

Meeting Minutes – Unified Sports Committee

Location: Caesar Rodney High School

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Attendees: Gary Cimaglia, Bob Beron, Kevin Charles, Kylie Frazer, Jerry Kobosa, Brian Mattix, and Lance Skinner

Agenda items

1. Reviewed and approved Mission & Guiding Principles document which outlines role of Unified Sports Committee.
2. Discussed pertinent DIAA Bi-Laws in Title 14 Education Student Activities 1009 DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics:
 - a) 1.0 National Federation of State High Schools, Conferences, Contracts, Equivalency Rules, and Definitions
 - i. Committee agrees that since Unified Flag Football and Unified Track and Field are now recognized and sanctioned sports under the DIAA, that Unified Sports should be defined under Regulation 1.1.
 - ii. This would also eliminate any confusion as to what bi-laws pertain to Unified Sports, and make it clear that all the same rules apply.
 - b) 2.1 Eligibility, Age
 - i. A waiver is being submitted to the DIAA Board of Directors regarding Regulation 2.1.1 Students who become 19 years of age on or after June 15 immediately preceding the student's year of participation shall be eligible for all sports provided all other eligibility requirements are met. This waiver is limited to participation with in Unified Sports for persons with disabilities only.
 - c) 2.3 Eligibility, Enrollment and Attendance
 - i. Committee agrees current DIAA Regulation suffice
 - d) 2.4 Eligibility, Transfers
 - i. Committee agrees current DIAA Regulations suffice
 - e) 2.6 Eligibility, Passing Work
 - i. Committee agrees current DIAA Regulations suffice

f) 2.7 Eligibility, Years of Participation

- i. Committee needs to review and discuss potentially requesting a waiver for additional years of edibility for those students who are eligible for services until 21 years of age. This waiver would be limited to participation with in Unified Sports for persons with disabilities only.

3. Discussed pertinent Special Olympics Delaware (SODE) Athlete Participation Policies:

a) 2.1 Athlete Eligibility

- i. Committee agrees that DIAA needs to include Special Olympics Delaware's definition of an athlete for Unified Sports.

4. Reviewed and began discussing DIAA and Special Olympic Delaware (SODE) physical.

a) Committee needs to determine if it's best use the DIAA physical only.

b) This would eliminate any confusion with eligibility since both physicals are good for different lengths of time.

- i. DIAA – 1 year

- ii. SODE – 3 years

c) Share thoughts and SODE physical with SMAC

Unfinished Business

1. Required Physical
2. Review of Sports Offered and Seasons
3. Impact on Schools (budget, policies, etc.)